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## SPORTING.

### Lawn Tennis.

Last evening at the Hongkong Cricket Club's ground there was an exciting and undecided battle between Capt. Beasley and Capt. Briery to decide who should have the honour of facing H. Hancock in the final of the championship singles. The best of five sets was to settle the matter but when two sets all and three games all had been reached and the light was rapidly falling, it was decided to adjourn play. In actual games Capt. Beasley held a slight advantage, his 22 comparing with his opponent's 21. The contest throughout was remarkable for the well-sustained rallies, while the play was always bright and varied, so much so that the balls must have found their way on to almost every square inch of turf on either side of the net.

The opening set was the most even of any, ending as it did at 7/6 in Beasley's advantage. A strange feature was that six games had been reached before the server could register a win, Beasley being the first to break the sequence by making the score 4/3 on his fourth service. Briery immediately followed suit, only allowing his rival to put on one point in this subsequent game. A love game once more gave the lead to Beasley, and in the next there was a remarkably fine rally, the verdict ultimately going to Briery after three deuces. By skilful placing the two following games went in Beasley's favour and with them the set. Up to now most of the aggressive work had been done by the leader, who could also claim an advantage in the art of placing, but against this were to be set the many brilliant returns of the other man and his presence of mind when under difficulties. He was so less personified.

Both men lost their service without registering a single point in the opening games of the second set. At the fourth game also they were on a level footing, but from thenceforward Briery ran his man off his feet. By superior placing and strong base-line play he took the set in his hands and ended up with the score 6/2.

Having drawn level in sets, Briery continued to play with confidence, while his opponent was responsible for many errors of judgment often finding the net or putting outside. The first two games were easily won by Briery, and then Beasley rallied and drew level. Then he secured the lead, but the two following games went in Briery's favour, the score thus being 5/3. The next was obtained by Beasley, who, however, went no further, his opponent winning the set by 6/4.

Playing with greater care, Beasley soon got away in the third set, winning no less than four games in succession. Only being one point, Briery got the next game, but he was quite outplayed in subsequent games, the finishing in Beasley's favour by 6/1. "Side all" was called, and both players went to work with renewed energy. They had now been playing for about an hour and three-quarters, and both showed signs of the strain. Briery seemed to possess a little advantage in serving powers. The first was a cleverly won love game by Briery, and then after "love 40" had been called against him Beasley won the next. This circumstance was repeated in the following game, Briery winning also after being three points down. There was made "two three points down. The games were now shown the way in the subsequent trial. With 15-40 against him Briery made a big effort to win the next game, but after deuce had been twice called he succumbed to superior placing. The games were now three all, and it was decided to stop play for the day. Some fine tennis was seen all through the contest, and, whoever the winner will turn out to be, it is certain that he will give Hancock all his work to secure victory in the final.

Other results in connection with the tournament were:—  
Singles Handicap, "A" Class—Third round—D. E. Clark (over 5/0) beat H. M. Atkinson (over 1/0) 6/4, 6/0.  
Single Handicap, "B" Class—Third round—W. G. Worcester (over 3/0) beat L. Le Breton (over 3/0) 6/4, 6/0.  
Double Handicap, "A" Class—Third round—Lance Byrnes and Lion Whyte (over 5/0) beat J. R. Wood and J. R. O. Bird (over 3/0) 6/2, 6/1.  
Professional Pair—Third round—T. E. Peart and H. E. Phillips (over 5/0) beat H. Atkinson and H. A. Phillips (over 3/0) 6/2, 6/0.

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No Fire Insurance will be effected.

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Hongkong, April 14, 1909. 513

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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Goods not cleared by the 15th inst., at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee and the Company's representative at an appointed hour. All claims must be presented within five days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godown.

E. A. HEWITT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, April 10, 1909. 500

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All claims and otherwise damaged cargo will be examined at the above Company's Godowns on TUESDAY, April 13th, 1909, at 10 a.m.

S. SILVERSTONE, Agent.

Hongkong, April 8, 1909. 498

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All damaged packages will be examined on MONDAY, the 19th April, at 3 p.m.

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F. DE CHAMPHORIN, Agent.

Hongkong, April 12, 1909. 508

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All claims must reach us before the 16th of April, 1909, or they will not be recognized.

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NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD, HAMBURG.

Hongkong, April 7, 1909. 496

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SATURDAY, April 17—

12.30 p.m.—Half-yearly Meeting of the

Hongkong Jockey Club.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-

ture, &amp;c., at No. 13, Peak Road, (Up-

per Albany).

9 p.m.—Smoking Concert of Institution

of Engineers &amp; Shipbuilders of Hong-

kong, in the Institute Rooms.

MONDAY, April 19—

Goods per Tonkin undelivered after this

date at Noon will be subject to rent

and landing charges.

WEDNESDAY, April 21—

Noon—Auction of Valuable Leasehold

Property, at Messrs. Hughes &amp; Hough's

Sales Rooms.

Noon—Meeting of Union Insurance So-

ciety of Canton, Ltd., at Head Office.

12.30 p.m.—Meeting of China Traders'

Insurance Co., Ltd., at Head Office.

FRIDAY, April 23—

9.15 p.m.—Concert of H.K. Philharmonic

Society at City Hall.

SATURDAY, April 24—

Noon—Meeting of Hongkong Electric

Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Office.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 1909.

CREDIT.

Mr. VINAY ROTHWELL, BOWEN, Presi-

dent of the Yokohama Foreign Board of

Trade, speaking at the annual general

meeting of that body, had some very

interesting remarks to make concerning

a question which interests the whole of

the business world, but more particularly

the foreign merchants trading in British

Malaya, the Straits Settlements, China

and Japan—the question of credit.

After referring to an attempt which had

been made in Yokohama to devise some

scheme for restricting credit sales, a

scheme which unfortunately never ma-

terialized, though there was unanimity

among importers as to the terms of sale

which should really apply in various

branches of the import trade, Mr.

Bowen continued: "We must, I

think, all recognize that a system

of credit sales, and of promi-

sory notes, has in some lines of busi-

ness, become an established custom;

and it is impossible to get back to the

good old days when bargain money on

the signing of a contract, and cash

before delivery of goods, were the

general conditions of sale. We must

also recognize the fact that the pressure

of competition is gradually but surely

extending the period of credit given.

That goods which were in the past sold

on credit, and that goods which were

until comparatively recent times sold

on 10, 20 or 30 days' credit, now obtain

30, 45 and 60 days, and perhaps even

longer terms. The same causes in other

parts of the world have led to the same

results. Good times and keen competi-

tion led to an extravagant expansion

of the credit system, until every petty

trader and dealer expects and obtains

exaggerated periods of credit for his

purchases. So long as times are boom-

ing, all goes well; but the inevitable

result of this unhealthy state of affairs

follows in due course, and when the

bad times come, the weaker houses go

to the wall, whilst many of the strong-

est are shaken to their foundations. A

state of affairs such as I have just

described was experienced in Australia

some years back. Some houses suffered

less than others, but the severe strain

of the financial crisis was universally

felt, and the ultimate outcome of it was

the formation of Associations by the

various trades and industries to regulate

the terms of credit sales upon a fixed

and healthy basis. The conditions

which have recently prevailed here

have been very similar in cause and

effect to those, and I do not see why

similar controlling measures, such as

were subsequently adopted in Australia,

should not also be successful in Japan.

Under such a system those engaged to

the different branches of imports would

naturally agree as to the extreme term

of credit which could be given for each

line, and would bind themselves not to

exceed this limit. There would be no

dictation as to the terms upon which

each individual did his business. Those

who preferred to stick to cash sales

would be at liberty to do so, whilst

those who chose to take the risks of

credit business, could please themselves

as to what credit they gave, and could

regulate their terms to suit each par-

ticular transaction, so long as they did

not exceed the credit limit fixed by the

Association. I can see no good reason

why the members of this Board cannot

do what has been successfully done

elsewhere, and I hope that the question

will be taken up again and carried to a

satisfactory conclusion. There can be

no doubt as to the necessity of restrict-

ing credit within reasonable limits, nor

of the immense advantages which would

accrue therefrom."

It was the inordinate extension of the

credit system which led to the serious

troubles which have afflicted Tientsin

during the past three years—troubles

which, it seems, can only be set right

now through diplomatic action, as a

last resource—and the same cause has

operated throughout China, aggravating

and intensifying the ill which over-

trading gave rise to, and impeding the

return of better times. The lessons of

the last few years have been acquired in

the bitter school of experience, which,

the old copy books used to tell us, were

the best of teachers. But having been

learned surely commonsense, demands

that their underlying principles should

be resolutely applied. The evil is fully

recognized; the remedy is now suggest-

ed. It would indeed be well for the

merchants of China and Japan if they

could follow Australia's lead in this

respect and set up at the various com-

mercial centres such Associations as Mr

Bowen speaks of. No surer method, in

our opinion, could be devised for

hastening the return of those good times

which Mr. ROBERT SHEWAN in his recent

public addresses so confidently sees ahead

of us: while no surer method for placing

the import trade on a safe, healthy and

therefore satisfactory basis could be

established. Surely there is sufficient

mutual confidence among the foreign

merchants of China and Japan to make

the scheme possible.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

We have been advised that Mr. Lam-

mont's auction of household furniture at

No. 13, Peak Road (the residence of

Madame Marty), advertised for Saturday

next, will be continued on the following

Monday at 11 a.m.

A fire broke out in the drying kiln at

the cement works, Hinghoun, about 1.30

a.m. this morning. Firemen from the

Central Station with the water float quickly

arrived but owing to the peculiar nature

of the fire it was not extinguished until

about 6 o'clock this morning. It is

supposed that the overheating of the kiln

was the cause of the outbreak and the

damage is estimated at \$300.

A lawsuit regarding the possession of

twenty-four titles of nobility, which has

lasted for a century, has just been decided

at Rome. By the decision of the Court of

Cassation, the twenty-four titles have been

awarded to Signor Baldassarre Caracciolo,

of Naples. Signor Caracciolo will, there-

fore, be entitled to bear the title of prince,

that of marquis, three titles of count, and

eighteen distinct titles of baron. A

twenty-fifth distinction which Signor Car-

acciolo will receive is that of Grandee of

Spain of the First Class.

The lot of the French Army officer is

not all that it is to be desired. It seems that

his pay was fixed after the war with Ger-

many in 1871, and there has been no

increase since that period. In almost

every other occupation the pay or dispen-

dum has been augmented to meet the extra cost

of necessities, but the officer has been



CHINA MERCHANT  
STEAM NAVIGATION CO.(Wah Te Yat Po's Service.)  
PEKING, April 15.

The Board of Communications has conferred with Viceroy Yung Shi Shang as to the advisability of bringing the China Merchant Steam Navigation Company within the control of the Board.

## CHINA'S CONSTITUTION.

(Wah Te Yat Po's Service.)  
PEKING, April 14.

The Constitutional Administration Department has decided that a General Assembly shall be held twice a year.

PROFESSIONAL AD-  
VISERS FOR CHINESE  
OFFICIALS.(Wah Te Yat Po's Service.)  
PEKING, April 14.

The Prince Regent has authorized the Presidents and the Vice-Presidents of the various Boards to engage professional advisers.

ANGLO-SIAMESE  
TREATY.(Wah Te Yat Po's Service.)  
PEKING, April 14.

A certain Minister has pointed out to the Board of Foreign Affairs that it is his opinion that the Anglo-Siam Treaty interferes with the privileges of the Chinese in Siam. He advises that the Board should endeavour to secure amendments.

## MORE RAILWAY LOANS.

(Wah Te Yat Po's Service.)  
PEKING, April 14.

The Lok Chong Railway, in the Province of Honan, requires a loan of five millions from the National Bank, the shares collected not being sufficient to provide for the completion of the line.

TIBET'S ASSISTANT  
RESIDENT-GENERAL.(Wah Te Yat Po's Service.)  
PEKING, April 14.

H. E. Wan Chang Yui, Imperial Assistant Resident-General, is reported to have arrived at Tibet.

## PRINCE CHING SICK.

(Wah Te Yat Po's Service.)  
PEKING, April 14.

Prince Ching is on sick leave.

## WEST RIVER NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)  
NANKING, April 10.

A new motor boat made its appearance here on Thursday, the Hong On, a very smart looking craft, costing \$17,000. She has extensive accommodation for passengers and is capable of carrying a large quantity of cargo. She flies the British flag, but does not belong to Baker and Co., who are building a third addition to their fleet which is expected to make her first appearance here in two months time.

I hear that these firms are thinking of despatching their vessels as far as Lungchow on the Tsinlin frontier.

The river has been extraordinary low, even below low water mark. And yet we have had rain (after a fashion) here since Christmas with scarcely a sight of the sun. There have been no proper downpours of rain, only intermittent dripping, and no sun to sterilise the stinks we have had a very distressing time and rejoice now more than ever that to-day there is brilliant sunshine!

The foundations have been laid of the new hospital of the Bannan Medical Mission; but work has been somewhat delayed partly on account of the weather and partly because of the scarcity of bricks which can only be bought at exorbitant prices.

The rain has hindered the manufacture and the building of "boom" has dislocated the market; bricks which last summer could only be had at \$70 per ten thousand cannot now be got for \$90!

The new Military College swallows up materials like a huge octopus. Hundreds of magnificent pieces of timber have come all the way from the Miao country, up above Lungchow, floated down the Luchow river as far as Kwei Ping, then pulled up the West River to Nanking.

It is not known for certain how many soldiers will be sent to China. Some Chinese give the number as 20,000, and others say that 10,000 additional men will be drafted every year to Nanking till there are 60,000 in all. We shall see.

A number of Kwangsi missionaries who have long been the pest of a Shanxi resort close at hand, are combining together to build houses on Hsien-shan Island near Hongkong.

We only last Sunday in South China, early news, and with moderate sort of luck, and when shall we have a Southern "Kaiser"? There are numbers of suitable sites which the Canton-Hankow railway may make possible.

STRAITS TIMES: The Court of Appeal has also the opinion of the all without delay. The Court of Appeal has also the opinion of the all without delay. The Court of Appeal has also the opinion of the all without delay.

## PORK IN GOAL.

An Indian warder of the Victoria Goal was charged before Mr. J. H. H. at the Magistrate's Court, this afternoon, with committing a breach of the prison rules.

A native undergoing a sentence of five years for burglary testified that defendant put some pork twice into his cell and he threw it out again and witness then called the principal warder.

"The Indian is a tender-hearted man and brought it to me out of kindness," said witness, in reply to Mr. G. H. Gardner, who appeared for the defence.

The pork could be passed from one cell to the other, if it was done slyly. Witness thought prisoner 194, who sent the pork, wished to do him an ill-turn.

The case was remanded.

Mr. Craig, Governor of the Goal, prosecuted.

## SEQUEL TO BIG FRAUDS.

Identifying a Woman.

Before Mr Justice Gompertz (Puisne Judge), in the Court of Summary Jurisdiction, today, there was a trial of an issue to decide whether Yuen A Choy, a Chinese woman, was the same person as Ho Sze, who had appeared as the plaintiff in former actions.

The defendant, Lai Chi Chin, alleged that the person describing herself as Yuen A Choy, and arrested by virtue of these writs of execution issued on April 7th, 1908, was not the same person as Ho Sze, who had appeared as the plaintiff in former actions.

Mr C. F. Dixon appeared for Yuen A Choy and Mr Hett for Lai Chi Chin. Mr Dixon said this was a case ordered to be tried in an action in which Ho Sze was the plaintiff and the Tak Li Lung firm, Lau King Pong and Lai Chi Chin the defendants. That action was decided in Lai Chi Chin's favour and he taxed his costs against the plaintiff Ho Sze and arrested her in execution, so he said. As a matter of fact he arrested the person for whom he (Mr Dixon) was appearing. The issue was whether Yuen A Choy was the same person as Ho Sze. He (Mr Dixon) submitted that the onus being upon Mr Hett to justify execution, he must begin.

Mr Hett urged that the onus to begin was on the other side. A warrant had been issued ordering that a certain woman be arrested. She had been arrested, and if she wanted to show that the warrant was not applicable to her she had to come before his Lordship and show they were wrong in arresting her. Until she went into the box and proved she had been arrested neither she or her solicitors could have any locus standi at all.

Mr Dixon—This is not an action for false imprisonment, my lord. My friend seeks to show that it is. It is a fraud of the most daring kind. There were a number of actions commenced by Ho Sze against the Tak Li Lung firm, Lau King Pong, and Lai Chi Chin, the two last named being joined as alleged partners. These actions were three of about 40 which were commenced about that time by Yuen A Choy or under her name.

Mr Dixon—One of these actions was taken more or less as a test case, and Mr Justice Wise said he was not altogether satisfied but he must give judgment against the firm and the partners. The action was for money lent. All these 40 ladies came up with promissory notes and said they had lent sums to the Tak Li Lung firm, which was a state of dissolution. Lau King Pong engineered the whole fraud. He had done some work for Lai Chi Chin and in correspondence had discovered that he was a rich man. With the firm in low water Lau King Pong devised this wonderful scheme of chopping innumerable promissory notes and handing them round to different women. Then the action was commenced alleging that Lai Chi Chin was a partner, and in the end Mr Justice Wise gave judgment for the 40 plaintiffs with costs. Subsequently by a lucky chance they discovered the man who had written the books, and a re-hearing was applied for. One of those cases was tried in 1906 before the Full Court, and it was proved that a great many of the entries in the books were untrue. It was finally discovered that they had got hold of the wrong set of books, and the writer of the books explained how several of the 40 ladies were engaged in rubbing the new books with tobacco ash to make them look old. Eventually the Full Court gave judgment for Lai Chi Chin with costs. The whole thing was a fearful exposure and was cleverly engineered and worked and might have been very successful if they had not got hold of the books. He (Mr Hett) suggested that the ladies did not know their own names in these transactions, so the result might be rather serious for them. So it might be that the woman who had been arrested was not Ho Sze at all.

Mr Dixon—That is not the issue, it is whether she appeared and proved it. It does not matter what her real name was. Mr Hett said it was quite possible that the woman might be able to prove that she was not Ho Sze; they were full of tricks.

Evidence was called by both sides. Chinese witnesses and Mr Gardner, who was legally engaged in the original cases, swore that the arrested woman, Yuen A Choy, was the same person who previously gave evidence as Ho Sze, while Mr F. X. D'Almeida, who was also concerned in the original cases, denied this, and pointed out another woman in Court, and swore that she was Ho Sze.

Mr Hett complained that Mr D'Almeida had not helped them in securing the right woman. He was able to bring her to Court that day.

Mr Dixon said Mr Hett's clients had believed in a reckless manner. They had pointed out the wrong woman and had come into Court and committed perjury.

Mr Hett repeated his complaint, and added that he should ask his Lordship to desist in a drastic way with the woman produced by Mr Dixon if the case went against his clients. He said he would not be asked to give evidence as to whether the woman was or was not Ho Sze.

His Lordship after hearing further evidence, said he had great difficulty in coming to a decision, but on the whole he found in favour of Yuen A Choy, with costs. Mr Hett indicated that he might want to appeal, but he said he would not do so until he had had a chance to consult with his counsel.

His Lordship was accordingly granted the order being for judgment unless steps are taken for an appeal within a week.

DR. AMOS P. WILDER  
BANQUETTED.

Dr. Amos P. Wilder, Consul General for the United States of North America, was entertained on Wednesday evening by a number of the leading Chinese gentlemen at the Chinese Club, prior to his departure on leave.

Mr Lau Chai Pak presided and the toast of "The King," "The President of the United States" and "The Emperor of China" were loyally received.

Mr Lau Chai Pak then said: Gentlemen, As you are all aware, the occasion which calls us together here this evening is to pay our respects to a gentleman, as he deserves it, and to bid him farewell on the eve of his departure for Home on a well-earned holiday. That gentleman is no other than the widely popular and highly esteemed Consul-General for the United States, Dr. Wilder. I am exceedingly glad that in the midst of his busy preparations he has been able to find leisure to favour us with his genial company, thus affording us an opportunity of giving vent to our own admiration of his many excellent qualities, and to the appreciation of our compatriots of his many kind acts, both in his official capacity as the representative of a powerful nation and in his private capacity as a friend. In customs and habits, it is true, the East differs from the West in many ways, but in feelings, I think you will all admit, there is, if not an exact, a very close similarity; the Chinese know as well as their Western brothers who deserves honour and respect and what to be grateful for. In our distinguished guest, our compatriot, who has business connections with his country, have not only a fair-minded official to deal with, but also a sympathetic friend, who is ready to assist in any way he can. Who knowing him well has not a good word to say in his praise? During the many years he has spent amongst us he has by his affability, politeness and impartiality, won the good will and esteem of all those who have been brought into contact with him. To win the goodwill of one's fellow creatures by purely personal merits is, I should say, as great an achievement in one's life as the acquirement of fame and honour by heroic deeds. Particularly in his own Homeland, it is the gaining of the people's goodwill that has made many great men greater. For a guest has that capability. At a school, he is learned and accomplished; as an official, he is well-informed, just and dignified; as a debater, he is eloquent and resourceful; and as a private individual, he is kind, honest and cheerful. For a man to have such qualities is a rare thing. He is a man who is not only a fair-minded official to deal with, but also a sympathetic friend, who is ready to assist in any way he can. Who knowing him well has not a good word to say in his praise? During the many years he has spent amongst us he has by his affability, politeness and impartiality, won the good will and esteem of all those who have been brought into contact with him. To win the goodwill of one's fellow creatures by purely personal merits is, I should say, as great an achievement in one's life as the acquirement of fame and honour by heroic deeds. Particularly in his own Homeland, it is the gaining of the people's goodwill that has made many great men greater. For a guest has that capability. At a school, he is learned and accomplished; as an official, he is well-informed, just and dignified; as a debater, he is eloquent and resourceful; and as a private individual, he is kind, honest and cheerful. For a man to have such qualities is a rare thing.

He is going away from us now and may not come back again. We all, of course, sincerely regret that we shall, very soon, lose sight of his familiar figure moving energetically amongst us, but when we reflect that his absence from us means real happiness to his own kindred and to his country, we can only wish him well in his new sphere in the official circle of his country, for which by his great talents he is so well qualified. We would rather rejoice in the success which is awaiting him than regret his departure from our midst. Gentlemen, I call upon you all to cordially join me in drinking to his and the health of his family and wishing them long life and prosperity. We wish him a "bon voyage" and may he, on arrival, find his folks all in the best of health and his countrymen with outstretched hands ready to welcome him to a higher seat of honour. (Applause.)

The toast was enthusiastically honoured. Mr Wilder is thinking Mr Lau Chai Pak and his other hosts for the kindness of their farewell dinner on the eve of his departure for Home for a season, said that he had enjoyed rare opportunities for meeting the Chinese of all classes and for making friends with them. He had found that the Chinese people were not only a friendly and hospitable people, but also a people who were full of energy and enterprise. He had found that the Chinese people were not only a friendly and hospitable people, but also a people who were full of energy and enterprise.

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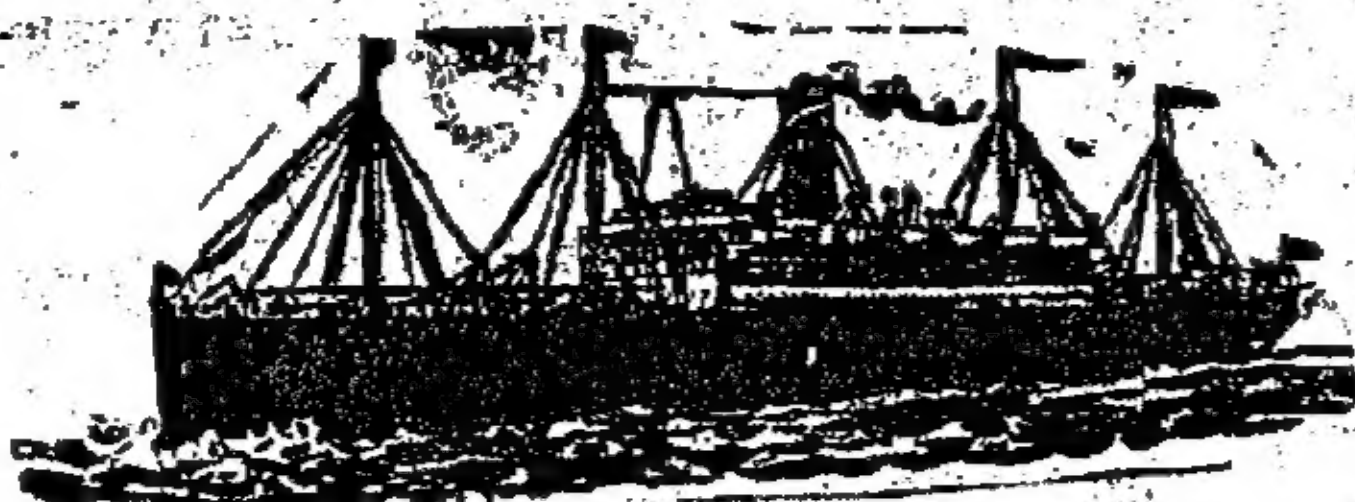
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6th May	11th May
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STEAMSHIP	TONS	DAY	DATE	TIME
NIPPON MARU	11,000	SATURDAY	24th April	at Noon
SIBERIA	18,000	TUESDAY	4th May	at Noon
CHINA	18,000	TUESDAY	11th May	at Noon
MANCHURIA	27,000	TUESDAY	18th May	at Noon
OHIO MARU	24,000	SATURDAY	22nd May	at Noon
ASIA	9,500	FRIDAY	4th June	at Noon
MONGOLIA	27,000	TUESDAY	18th June	at Noon
IBUYO MARU	21,000	SATURDAY	18th June	at Noon
KOREA	18,000	TUESDAY	29th June	at Noon

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The s.s. NIPPON MARU will leave for San Francisco, via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama and Honolulu, on SATURDAY, April 24th, at Noon.

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Kamo Maru	(Capt. F. L. SOMMER)	About Wed., 28th July.

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DESTINATIONS	STEAMSHIP	DATE	TIME
MARSEILLES, LONDON AND ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, AND PORT SAID	KANAGAWA MARU	WEDNESDAY, 28th April, at Daylight.	
	BARAKATA MARU	WEDNESDAY, 12th May, at Daylight.	
VICTORIA, B.C., and SEATTLE, via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBÉ, YOKOHAMA	AKI MARU	TUESDAY, 27th April, at Noon.	
	CEYLON MARU	TUESDAY, 11th May, at Noon.	
SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, via MANILA, THURAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE, and BRISBANE	KUMANO MARU	FRIDAY, 16th April, at Noon.	
	YAW-TA MARU	FRIDAY, 14th May, at Noon.	
SHANGHAI, MOJI, and YOKOHAMA	KAGOSHIMA MARU	FRIDAY, 16th April, at Noon.	
	WAKASA MARU	SATURDAY, 17th April, at Noon.	
KOBÉ and YOKOHAMA	HAIRAN MARU	SATURDAY, 22nd April, at Noon.	
	YETOROFU MARU	SUNDAY, 25th April, at Noon.	
BOMBAY, via SINGAPORE, and COLOMBO	NIKKO MARU	WEDNESDAY, 12th May, at Noon.	

\* Through Passenger Tickets issued to the Principal Offices in the United States, Canada, and Europe, in connection with the GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY and Atlantic Steamers. Round the World Tickets also issued. Between Nagasaki and Yokohama, let and suit alone through passengers have the option of travelling by Rail.

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Hongkong, November 1.

## HONGKONG.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Hongkong, April 8.

It seems that we are now to have some improvement made in our very bad harbor arrangements. Any one who has visited this port knows that the steamers anchor about four miles from the Custom House; and that at many times of low water it is impossible for boats to land without wading a long distance over the mud flats. The merchants have now advanced money to make a survey, and engineers have recently surveyed for the opening of a channel from the river east of Hoikow directly to the anchorage. The estimate has been made that a channel can be cut out that will give six feet of water at all times from the Custom House to the anchorage, at an expense of \$50,000 Mexican. It is proposed that of this sum the Tao-tai advance one-third, the merchants one-third, and the Customs one-third. While the work is finished the Customs will take over the share of the merchants, so that they can use their funds for the construction of lighters and the purchase of the necessary tug boats. If this scheme is carried out there is a prospect that the port will be improved so much that trade may be materially increased.

The Imperial Post Office has recently sent out of the foreign staff of the Customs into the interior, with authority to open post offices in the towns and cities through which he may pass. He has opened an office in the city of Wan-ch'ang (文昌) and will enlarge the Kachak (警察) office and make it a money order office, and is preparing to open other offices on the coast east of the island, and also to open several offices on the west coast. It is to be hoped that he will make arrangements, so that the steam launch which is subsidized by the French Government will carry mails to Imperial Post-offices in the South of Hainan.

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THE Steamship DEVANHA, Captain W. J. ATTY, is a.s.s., carrying the Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this port for BOMBAY, Calcutta, and Madras, on SATURDAY, the 17th April, 1909, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above ports in connection with the Company's Steamship Manikpuri, 10,000 tons, from Colombo. Passengers' accommodation in which vessel is secured before departure from Hongkong. All and Valuable, all Cargo for France, and the London and Antwerp (via) will be transhipped at Colombo into the mail steamer proceeding to Marseilles and London; other cargo for London, etc., will be conveyed by Bombay by the R.M.S. Calcutta, due in London on the 28th May, 1909.

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Hongkong, April 3, 1909.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship CATHERINE APOAR, Captain C. F. HOSON, will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 17th inst., at Noon, instead of as previously advertised.

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Hongkong, April 13, 1909.

STEAM TO SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA AND KOBÉ.

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Hongkong, April 13, 1909.

## Shipping.

## HONG-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LD.

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

FOR	STEAMSHIP	DATE	TIME
MANILA, CEBU, and SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBÉ and MOJI	LOUISANG	FRIDAY, April 16, at 4 p.m.	
	HOY-SAY	TUESDAY, April 20, at Noon.	
	FAM-SANG	SUNDAY, April 18, Daylight.	
TIENSIN, via SWATOW, TSINGTAU, WEI-HAI-WEI, and CHEFOO	OHIP-SHENG	WEDNESDAY, April 21, at Noon.	
MANILA, CEBU, and SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBÉ and MOJI	YUEN-SANG	FRIDAY, April 23, at 4 p.m.	
SINGAPORE, PENANG, and CALCUTTA	FOOK-SANG	MONDAY, April 26, at Noon.	

RETURN TOURS TO JAPAN, Occupying 34 days.

THE steamers Kuting, Namany and Fookang leave about every 3 weeks for Shanghai and Yokohama, returning via Kobe (Inland Sea) and Moji to Hongkong, providing a stay of 5 to 6 days in Japan if passengers leave the steamers at Yokohama and return at Kobe.

These vessels have all modern improvements and are fitted throughout with Electric Light. A fully qualified Surgeon is also carried.

\* Steamers have superior Accommodation for First-class Passengers, and are fitted throughout with Electric Light.

\* Taking Cargo on Through Bills of Lading to Yangtze Ports, Chefoo, Tientsin & Newchwang.

For Freight or Passage, apply to Telephone No. 21.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., General Managers.

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## CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LD. CHINA.

SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	STEAMSHIP	DATE	TIME
OHINKIANG	HANYANG	April 16, Daylight.	
TIENSIN	HONGKONG	April 17, at 4 p.m.	
SHANGHAI	ANGUI	April 18, Daylight.	
MANILA	TAIYU	April 20, at 3 p.m.	
CEFOO & NEWCHANG	NAIKIANG	April 20, at 4 p.m.	
SWATOW, WEI-HAI-WEI, TSINGTAU, and TIENSIN	KUICHOW	April 21, at 4 p.m.	
MANILA, CEBU, and SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBÉ and MOJI	SUKIANG	April 22, at 4 p.m.	
TAIWAN		May 14, at 4 p.m.	

DIRECT SAILINGS TO WEST RIVER—Twice Weekly.

S.S. 'LIEN-TAN' and S.S. 'SANDU'.

AUSTRALIAN STEAMERS have superior accommodation, with Electric Light throughout and Electric Fans in the Saloons. A fully qualified Surgeon is carried. REDUCED FARES. Cargo booked through for all Australian, New Zealand and Tasmanian Ports.

MANILA TWIN SCREW STEAMERS & TIENSIN STEAMERS have superior accommodation with Electric Light throughout and Electric Fans in the Saloons and Dining Saloons.

FAST SCHEDULE TWIN SCREW STEAMERS—(S.S. Abner, Chenar, Lian, Chihuen)—with excellent passenger accommodation, Electric Light throughout and Electric Fans in the Saloons and Dining Salons. Leave Hongkong for Shanghai direct every Thursday and Sunday, taking cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports.

N.B.—These steamers land passengers in Shanghai at the French Bund. FARE INCLUDING WINES—Single \$40, return \$70.

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BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, AGENTS.

## OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA.

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE BETWEEN HONGKONG, SOUTH CHINA COAST PORTS AND FORMOSA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

FOR	STEAMSHIP	DATE	TIME
DAIJIN MARU	TAMUL	SUNDAY, 18th April, at 10 a.m.	
CHOKUN MARU	SHANGHAI	TUESDAY, 20th April, at 8 a.m.	

\* These New Steamers have excellent Accommodation of First and Second-class Passengers, and are fitted throughout with Electric Light. First-class Cabins furnished with Electric Fans.

\* Taking Cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Yangtze & Northern China Ports. For Freight, Passage and further information, apply to the Co.'s Local Branch Office, at Second Floor, No. 1, QUEEN'S BUILDINGS.

T. ARIMA, Manager.

## SOUTH AMERICAN LINE.

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE FOR CALLAO, IQUIQUE, VALPARAISO, ETC., via MOJI, KOBÉ, YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU, MANZANILLO & SALINA CRUZ (Mexico).

S.S.	Tons	gross	Date	Time
Hongkong Maru	6000	gross	June 1st, at noon.	
Manchu Maru	5000	"	August	
America Maru	6000	"	October	
Hongkong Maru	6000	"	December	

For particulars apply to K. MATSUDA, Manager.

TOYO KISEN KAISHA, YOKO BUILDINGS.

Hongkong, March 12, 1909.

## NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD BREMEN.







## WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued from the Hongkong Observatory:—

On the 15th at 11.30 a.m.—The barometer has fallen quickly in Japan, and risen rapidly over N. China and the E. coast. The depression which crossed the Yellow Sea yesterday, is this morning moving towards N.E. in the S. part of the Sea of Japan.

An area of high pressure now occupies N. China and gradients are rather steep over S. China.

The wind will shift to the N.E. and blow strongly in the Formosa Channel and along the northern shores of the China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-morrow:—

1.—Hongkong and Neighbourhood: N.E. winds, strong; fair to squally with rain.

2.—Formosa Channel: N.E. winds, strong to a gale.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamook: Same as No. 1.

4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan: Same as No. 1.

## SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Glomerantia* reports:—April 13, 8 p.m., spoke H.M.S. *King Alfred*, from Shanghai, bound North, off Heian Islands.

## To-day's Advertisements

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

PROBATE JURISDICTION.

In the Goods of HERMAN FERNAND BENEZ—otherwise HERBERT ROSE late of Lamai in North Formosa, Merchant, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has this day by virtue of Section 88 of Ordinance No. 2 of 1897, (Probate Ordinance, 1897) made an Order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above Estate to the 31st day of May, 1909.

All creditors and other persons having claims against the above Estate are hereby required to send particulars of the same to the Undersecretary before that date.

Dated this 3rd day of April, 1909.

JOHN S. STORES & MASTER, No. 5, Des Voeux Road Central, Solicitors for the Administrator.

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## EVERYTHING OF THE BEST

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## PROVISIONS.

## H. RUTTONJEE &amp; SON,

Wine & Provision Merchants.

Hongkong, February 27, 1908.

## FROM EUROPE.

## THE H.A.L. Steamship

SILESIA.

Captain Von Hott, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for counter-signature by the Undersigned and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before To-day.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed at consignees' risks into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 22nd April will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 22nd April, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 22nd April at 11 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, April 15, 1909.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

## THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S STEAMER ASSAYE.

FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above named Steamer are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This Vessel brings on Cargo:—

From London, &c. ex *India*.

From Australia, &c. ex *Holstein*.

From Calcutta, &c. ex *India*.

From Penang, &c. ex *B.L.S.N.* and *R.P.N.* Co's steamers.

Optional goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 8 hours.

Goods not cleared by the 21st April, at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by any one unless advised.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Co's representative at an appointed hour. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

W. A. HEWITT, Agent.

Hongkong, April 15, 1909.

## To-day's Advertisements

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Cleanses the System Effectually.

Dispels Colds and Headaches due to Constipation.

Acts naturally, acts truly as a Laxative.

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HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

## HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

## THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

of the Members of the HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will be held on FRIDAY, the 23rd April, 1909, at 4 p.m., in the CITY HALL, for the following purposes:—

1. To receive the Report and Accounts of the Committee for the year ending 31st December, 1908.

2. To elect a New Committee.

3. To transact any general business.

By Order, E. A. M. WILLIAMS, Secretary.

Hongkong, April 15, 1909.

## BEN LINE OF STEAMERS.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

## STEAMSHIP BENAFON.

FROM ANTWERP, MIDDLESBRO' AND LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence and for the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 22nd April will be subject to rent.

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Hongkong, April 15, 1909.

## NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM MIDDLESBROUGH, ANTWERP, LONDON, COLOMBO AND SINGAPORE.

The Co's Steamship *Wakasa Maru*, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

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W. A. HEWITT, Agent.

Hongkong, April 15, 1909.

## VESSELS AT THE DOCK.

At Kowloon:—*Titan*, *Christa*, *Glomerantia*, *Glomerantia*, *Glomerantia*.

At Hongkong:—*Titan*, *Christa*, *Glomerantia*, *Glomerantia*, *Glomerantia*.

At Canton:—*Titan*, *Christa*, *Glomerantia*, *Glomerantia*, *Glomerantia*.

At Shanghai:—*Titan*, *Christa*, *Glomerantia*, *Glomerantia*, *Glomerantia*.

At Peking:—*Titan*, *Christa*, *Glomerantia*, *Glomerantia*, *Glomerantia*.

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## HUNG ON &amp; CO., FURNITURE STORE.

DEALERS IN UPHOLSTERY AND IMPORTERS OF EUROPEAN GOODS OF ALL KINDS.

Electro Silver Plated, Iron, and Glass Ware, Cutlery and Hollow Ware.

Manufacturers of High-Class Teakwood Furniture.

Inspection of our Stock respectfully invited.

ADDRESS: 17A, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, Hongkong, February 23, 1909.

## SHIPPING

## ARRIVALS.

April 14.

Kruppin's Maru, Japanese str., 3,372, T. Mar. L. 100, from Singapore April 7, 7 a.m.—NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

April 15.

Asaya, British str., 4,353, Owen Jones, R.N.R. B. mby March 30, and Singapore April 10, 10 a.m.—F. & O. S. N. Co.

Wakasa Maru, Japanese str., 3,394, N. Nielsen, London and Singapore April 10, 10 a.m.—NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

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